

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 16, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Tim Stark, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 229, 3/14/2011; SB 311, 3/14/2011; SB 374, 3/14/2011; HJ 22, 3/14/2011

HEARING ON HJ 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:47 Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HJ 22, Request interim committee to rate US representative and senators on sovereignty.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sth59a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:58 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sth59a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:32 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:13:08 Rep. Jerry O'Neil
00:13:16 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:13:26 Rep. Jerry O'Neil
00:14:01 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:14:13 Rep. Jerry O'Neil
00:14:56 Rep. Derek Skees
00:15:13 Rep. Jerry O'Neil
00:15:25 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:16:33 Rep. Jerry O'Neil
00:17:14 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:18:33 Rep. Jerry O'Neil

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:29 Rep. Jerry O'Neil

HEARING ON SB 229

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:16 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 229, Revise laws relating to state-tribal coop agreements act and PERS.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:22 Annie Glover, Federation Kootenai Tribes

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:10 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement System (MPERS)
EXHIBIT(sth59a03)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:14	Rep. James Knox
00:32:49	Annie Glover
00:33:54	Rep. James Knox
00:34:09	Annie Glover
00:34:29	Rep. Ted Washburn
00:34:56	Sen. Jon Sonju
00:35:00	Rep. Ted Washburn
00:35:13	Sen. Jon Sonju
00:35:37	Rep. Frank Smith
00:36:01	Rep. Ted Washburn
00:36:16	Sen. Jon Sonju
00:36:25	Rep. Ted Washburn
00:36:47	Sen. Jon Sonju
00:38:10	Roxanne Minnehan
00:39:07	Annie Glover
00:40:14	Rep. Douglas Kary
00:40:43	Annie Glover
00:41:56	Rep. Douglas Kary
00:42:12	Annie Glover
00:42:28	Rep. Pat Connell
00:43:39	Rep. Frank Smith
00:44:22	Roxanne Minnehan
00:45:17	Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:45:46	Sen. Jon Sonju
00:46:18	Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:46:35	Sen. Jon Sonju
00:47:07	Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:47:20	Sen. Jon Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:35 Sen. Jon Sonju

HEARING ON SB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:59 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 311, Clarify laws relating to term limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:04 Tom Ebzury, Billings, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:17 Rep. Bryce Bennett
00:52:47 Sen. Steven Gallus
00:53:20 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:54:03 Sen. Steven Gallus
00:54:17 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:54:37 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:55:20 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:56:16 Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:40 Sen. Steven Gallus

HEARING ON SB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:56 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 374, Revise laws relating to election of party precinct committee representatives.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:35 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders
01:01:02 Linda McCulloch, Secretary State (SOS)
01:01:19 Brett Rutherford, Yellowstone County Election Administrator

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:52	Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:02:20	Sen. Alan Olson
01:02:39	Rep. Bryce Bennett
01:03:02	Linda McCulloch
01:03:23	Rep. Bryce Bennett
01:03:46	Linda McCulloch
01:04:04	Linda Stoll
01:05:05	Rep. Ted Washburn
01:05:50	Linda Stoll
01:07:21	Brett Rutherford
01:07:59	Rep. Ted Washburn
01:08:07	Brett Rutherford
01:08:34	Rep. Ted Washburn
01:08:50	Brett Rutherford
01:09:10	Rep. James Knox
01:09:30	Brett Rutherford
01:10:11	Rep. Derek Skees
01:11:00	Brett Rutherford
01:11:06	Rep. Derek Skees
01:11:30	Linda McCulloch
01:12:19	Rep. Derek Skees
01:12:31	Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:08	Sen. Alan Olson
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Committee Business:

01:15:23	Rep. Derek Skees
01:17:37	Rep. Betsy Hands
01:18:20	Rep. Derek Skees

ADJOURNMENT

01:18:41 Adjournment

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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